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TOPIC Military Activity at the Eeckow, Fuerstenwalde and Frankfurt/Oder Posts

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REMARKS

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1. On 8 October 1954, the Reiter Kaserne (4041) in Eeckow was occupied by approximately 200 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and signal insignia. twelve artillery pieces with bent protective shield, without muzzle brake and recuperator mechanism under the barrel were seen in the barracks yard.
2. Prior to 2 October, the Pionier Kaserne (4502) in Fuerstenwalde was occupied by approximately 200 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. Since no major return shipments were observed, it is assumed that the units returned in small details and at night.
3. Between 1600 and 1800 on 5 October, 8 trucks carrying steel bridge building equipment were towed from the freight station to the Pionier Kaserne by 2 other trucks.
4. On 8 October, the barracks installation on Traunsdorfer Strasse (4501) was occupied by approximately 800 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank, signal and motor transport insignia. The return of the troops was not observed.
5. On 8 October, approximately 25 soldiers in dress uniforms arrived aboard a regular passenger train from Frankfurt/Oder. The soldiers carried small baggage.
6. Between 2 September and 6 October, the Artillerie Kaserne (4442) in Frankfurt/Oder was still occupied to capacity by approximately 1,000 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. About 8 x 37-mm AA guns were seen in the barracks yard. Approximately 200 soldiers including young ones with dropped hair drilled in the installation. Motor vehicles were seen driving and leaving the installation.

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7. Between 2 and 6 October, the Buelow Kaserne (4441) was occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered crimson epaulets. On 5 October, 6 x 57-mm AT guns were seen in the barracks area.

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1. Comment. [redacted] on 25 September, the Reiter Kaserne in Eeckow was occupied to capacity by soldiers previously observed there. [redacted] These observations indicate that the 468th Gds Mort Regt returned to the Reiter Kaserne upon completion of the fall exercises of the 7th Gds Mech Div. The observation of 12 artillery pieces supports the previous assumption that the mortar regiments were being reequipped by the assignment of a field howitzer battalion.

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2. Comment. The occupation of the Pioneer Kaserne on 8 October indicates that the bulk of the units of the 7th Gds Mech Div, stationed there returned to the installation. The return on 28 September of elements of the 122d Gds Eng Bn of the 7th Gds Mech Div has previously been reported.

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3. Comment. According to another report, the barracks installation on Braunsdorfer Strasse had already been occupied by approximately 700 soldiers on 30 September. It can be assumed that the bulk of the 312th Gds RL Regt of the Fourth Gds Mech Army returned to their winter quarters.

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4. Comment. The return to the Artillery Kaserne of units of the 32d AAA Div was previously reported. According to the occupation strength, all components of the units stationed there returned to the installation. The observation of young soldiers confirms previous information on the arrival of recruits.

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